

Silver-Haired Legislature names delegates

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A delegate and an alternate were selected to represent Cherokee County for the next two years at the Appalachian Caucus of the South Carolina Silver-Haired Legislature on March 13.

Jack Allison was named delegate and Eloise Cook was selected as the alternate for Cherokee County. Each county in the Appalachian Region selects delegates and alternates based upon population in the counties of the region. Counties in this caucus

include Greenville, Cherokee, Spartanburg, Oconee, Pickens and Anderson.

The Silver-Haired Legislature is made up of senior citizens selected to represent the interests of seniors in drafting legislation to be presented to the State Legislature for consideration. Measures which have a direct bearing on the interests and well-being of older citizens are prioritized and recommended to the lawmakers. Over the past year many of

the recommendations have been enacted into law to the benefit of older South Carolinians.

Cherokee County has 9,265 citizens who are 60 years of age or older while there are over 700,000 throughout South Carolina.

The caucus was held in the board room of the Appalachian Council of Governments in Greenville.

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Some delegates named to the Silver-Haired Legislature for a two-year term are shown at the caucus. Seated (l-r) are Michael Stogner, Aging and WIA Services Director for the Council of Governments; Mary Heatherly, Spartanburg delegate; and Eloise Cook, Cherokee County alternate delegate; (standing) Craig Brandon, Pickens delegate; Lamar Bailes, Oconee delegate; Jack Allison, Cherokee County delegate; Arlis Henson, Anderson County delegate; and Eugene Bon Durant, Greenville County delegate.

